



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## **Senior Affairs Advisory Board (SAAB) Minutes Wednesday, July 6, 2005**

Meeting was called to order at 11:21 a.m. by Chairperson Pat Ford.

**Members Present:** John Patrick Ford, Millie Acasio, Dolli Cutler, Sam Duran, Donald Steele, Floyd Willis **Excused Absences:** Leane Marchese, Madeline Paul, Cheryl Wilson, William Liu **Absent:** Sharon McColl, Rosemary White-Pope, Rudy Fernandez **Staff Present:** Diana Gray **Guests:** Kristi Fenick, Sari Hamerling, Lynda Hunt

**Introductions** were made.

Lynda Hunt, the Program Director of the Florence Riford Senior Center in La Jolla attended the meeting. The Florence Riford Senior Center is a multi-service senior center providing services to adults 50 years of age and older. This program is administered by the Clairemont Friendship Senior Center.

Sari Hamerling, a Field Representative from Assemblymember Lori Saldana's Office, attended today's meeting. Sari's focuses her time on two areas: 1) Health Care and 2) Senior Services. SAAB is pleased to have Sari attend the monthly board meetings whenever her schedule permits.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of minutes tabled until August 2005. At the August 2005 board meeting, the minutes from March 2, 2005 through July 6, 2005 will be placed on the agenda for approval. Upon approval, minutes will be placed on SAAB's website.

### **Modifications to the Agenda:**

The agenda was modified to place discussion of presentation of the Certificate of Recognition to Pam Smith under New Business.

**Casa del Prado Senior Lounge (Millie Acasio and Kristi Fenick):** The Senior Affairs Advisory Board July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting was held in the Casa del Prado Senior Lounge. In 1960 this meeting space was dedicated to Senior Citizens Services. Senior Citizens Services later opened up a portion of the space to a Seniors' Travel Group.

Over the years, numerous structured programs were made available to seniors throughout the San Diego community. This Balboa Park site is a senior drop-in center along with the City

Administration Building site located in the lobby of the building downtown. Both are strategically placed along mass transit routes.

With the addition of a staff person, Kristi Fenick, to plan and administer recreational programs for Senior Citizens, it has been possible for Senior Citizens Services to expand the services that they offer for seniors. Because of this expansion of services to a growing demographic group, it is important that Senior Citizens Services rethink the use of the space they have at their disposal. Senior Citizens Services find that they need to make use of the entire space originally allocated to them in 1960. Many of the senior activities are outlined in The Scroll, a periodic newsletter.

### **Old Business:**

**Housing Committee (Cheryl Wilson):** The Housing Committee had nothing new to report at this time. During the June 8<sup>th</sup> 2005 Annual Report to the Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Committee, Cheryl Wilson gave an oral report on SAAB's Housing Committee strategic plan for the upcoming year.

Pat Ford has spoken with Cissy Fisher of the San Diego Housing Commission. Cissy Fisher has been invited to make a presentation at SAAB's October monthly meeting because of the key role the San Diego Housing Commission plays in area Affordable Housing. With the senior population increasing, the need for affordable housing has increased and this would be a great opportunity to hear what this agency believes are the areas of local Affordable Housing issues as it pertains to seniors.

**Transportation Committee (Floyd Willis):** There was nothing new to report at this time. Floyd Willis did report that the Transnet ½ cent sales tax will provide \$1 million a year to transportation services for seniors starting in 2008 through its Mini Grant. The Mini Grant has a matching fund category that will extend the reach of this grant past the \$1 million a year threshold. Floyd made an oral report to the Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Committee on the Transportation Committee's strategic plan for the upcoming year.

**Annual Report to Public Safety & Neighborhood Services (PS & NS) Committee:** Pat Ford the Chairperson for SAAB along with the Housing Committee Chair Cheryl Wilson and Transportation Committee Chair Floyd Willis gave an oral Annual Report to the PS & NS Committee on June 8, 2005. This was the first time that SAAB formally made a report presentation to Councilmembers. Other members of SAAB attended the PS & NS Committee meeting in support of the item.

### **New Business:**

A Certificate of Recognition to Pam Smith for her years of service to the Senior Affairs Advisory Board will be presented to Pam by Pat Ford the Chairperson and Floyd Willis Pam Smith's Assistant later on this month. Pamela Smith is the Director of the County of San Diego's Aging and Independence Services.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Announcement(s):**

San Diego Housing Federation Executive Director Tom Scott has been invited to attend SAAB's September 7, 2005 monthly board meeting.

The Scroll July/August 2005 issue is now available. Copies are available upon request at your local Park & Recreation Center or you can obtain a copy by calling (619) 236-6905.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

*Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 3, 2005*

*Chairperson: Patrick Ford*

*SAAB website: <http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/boards-commissions/senior.shtml>*

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